

As a senior advertising and media industry executive, I was shocked to discover that Pappas Telecasting Companies' is giving \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates. This is a blatant violation of political advertising laws and must be either stopped immediately or equal value must be proved to opposing parties.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.